

SENATE RESOLUTION 5

By Niceley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Heather Whitt on her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Heather Whitt of Mooresburg is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, Heather Whitt is a Cadet Commander in the Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC), which she has participated in since 2015; she is also the Battalion Commanding Officer, offering leadership, guidance, and training to over 125 cadets each semester; and

WHEREAS, Heather Whitt has completed 317 hours of community service, and she spearheaded an NJROTC Thanksgiving food drive that yielded 1,460 pounds of food for the Hawkins County food bank; last year, she participated in the sixth trip to the Niswonger Children's Hospital in Johnson City to deliver 175 Jared Boxes; she also serves as a mentor to cadets in Cherokee's NJROTC program; and

WHEREAS, Heather Whitt is a model citizen; her commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Heather Whitt for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.